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IUST Organizes Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse Under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan

Awantipora, April 13: The Islamic University of Science and Technology organized a one-day sensitization-cum-awareness programme on drug addiction under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan. The programme was hosted by the Centre for Mental Health and Wellness and witnessed participation from faculty members, university officers, Heads of Departments, coordinators, proctorial staff, and wardens.

The program featured expert insights from multiple speakers addressing psychological, legal, and institutional dimensions of substance abuse. Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Ganai, Clinical Psychologist, spoke on behavioural patterns, early warning signs, and the importance of timely counselling interventions. Ms. Asifa Rashid Mir, Prosecuting Officer, JKPS, highlighted the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms related to drug abuse prevention.

Prof. Ayaz Hassan Moon, Dean Academic Affairs and Chief Guest, spoke on the broader context of the issue and highlighted institutional efforts, under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, aimed at supporting students and addressing the growing challenge of substance abuse.

Earlier, welcoming the participants Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Coordinator of the Centre for Mental Health and Wellness, outlined the objectives of the programme, emphasizing the critical role of academic and administrative stakeholders in early identification and response. She stressed that initial signs of substance abuse often emerge within institutional spaces and require coordinated administrative, counselling, and legal approaches.

The programme concluded with a collective commitment to fostering a safe, informed, and drug-free campus. Ms. Urooj Manzoor, Counsellor at the Centre, moderated the session and presented the vote of thanks.

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